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Gentlemen,

For inclusion in the public record:

Microsoft has gained its position through free trade but, the competition has resorted to government intervention. All that the government does it does by force. All the government has it has taken by force. "The simpering rotter who whines that he sees no difference between the power of the dollar and the power of the whip ought to learn the difference on his hide" - Ayn Rand. Antitrust creates not a level playing field but a crime scene. The department of Justice owes Microsoft a conspicuous apology post haste.

Respectfully,

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